



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to nearly 700,000 working-age people with disabilities and more than 28,000 people with disabilities entered our state's workforce last year; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is committed to expanding employment opportunities for citizens with disabilities and promoting each person's right to lead an independent life; and
- WHEREAS: The full inclusion and successful employment of individuals with disabilities are essential to building a robust and competitive workforce. Such individuals bring talent and value to our places of work and help to enrich local communities; and
- WHEREAS: In 1988, Congress designated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to recognize the workplace accomplishments of men and women with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: This year's theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month is "America's Workforce: Empowering All," which highlights the importance of supporting people with disabilities in the workforce; and
- WHEREAS: During Disability Employment Awareness Month, organizations such as RespectAbility will celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities and raise awareness among the general public regarding the benefits of a more inclusive workforce; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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